

St Bartholomew's News



19th September 2025

"Excellent attendance is vital for children to flourish and achieve"

Something Mrs Wainwright has enjoyed this week was listening to the children singing in worship. It is lovely to hear groups of children singing together. This week it was songs about our theme, thankfulness.

Worship – Our current theme is thankfulness and this week we have been reflecting what a 'wonderful world' we live in and all the things in the world we should be thankful for; the sun, seas, rainbows, animals and lots more. We have also discussed our attribute, 'optimism' and how we should think about the positive things we have in the world when we are feeling sad or down.

British Values One child was very thoughtful in worship and said that being thankful was showing the value of 'rule of law'. He said we are expected to say thank you when someone does something for us. Being thankful is also a chance for us to show **respect** and we chose to be grateful and this is us using the value of **liberty**.

IMPORTANT

Next week your child will come home with a data sheet, this is the information we hold about them and you. It is very important it is up to date, especially if we need to contact you. Make any changes on the sheet and return it to school. If there are no changes just sign and return it so we know all the information we have is correct. Thank you

We are expected to have at least two contacts for every child in case of emergency so please make sure we have.
We cannot remove any parent who has parental responsibility without a court order.

October half term – there is a small school run play scheme in October half term.

Application forms will be available from the office on Thursday 25th September. We always have a high demand for this and we may look at your child's punctuality and attendance to allocate places. We will not prioritise anyone who has taken a holiday in term time or whose child is regularly absent without an authorised reason or is often late. I am sorry if this applies to you but we are not providing affordable childcare for parents who do not follow the school's attendance expectations.

Reminders

- **Coats** – please label your children's coats or ask us to, coats are expensive and we do not want them getting lost.



Great British Roast Theme Menu - We will be serving a theme menu on Thursday 2nd October, if your child normally has a packed lunch and would like a dinner on this day please pay by ParentPay or by card at the office if paying for other items as we no longer accept payments less than £5, payment must be made by Thursday 25th September, and inform us of any allergies. The cost is £2.90. You can see the Menu on our website and in the notice boards.

Attendance

Children being in school every day on time is the only way for them to learn, reach their full potential, develop social and communication skills and learn good habits for high school and work in the future.

We expect all children to be in school every day and on time. 8.30am for Nursery, 12.30pm in the afternoon and by 8.50am for the rest of school. Thank you

Holidays and unauthorised absence of 5 days or more in a 10-week period will result in a fine. It does not have to be a continuous holiday of 5 days or more.

IF YOU REQUIRE ANY SUPPORT OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING ATTENDANCE PLEASE ASK BEFORE IT BECOMES AN ISSUE – WE WANT TO HELP IF WE CAN

Last week's attendance (8th to 12th September)

Nursery: 94.6%

Reception: 96.8%

Years 1 to 6: 96.8%

Attendance Winners for last week:



KS1 – Classes 3 & 4 – 98.3%

Years 3 & 4 – Class 9 – 98.4%

Years 5 & 6 – Class 16 -99.3%



Well done to the best classes:

KS1 – Class 6

Years 3 & 4 – Class 10

Years 5 & 6 – Class 14



Headteachers Awards – Well done to the children who have had a great week in school.

Class 7 Alex

Class 7 Jackson

Class 7 Tina

Class 8 Tyler

Class 8 Ta'kye

Class 8 Harmanjot

Class 9 Izaan

Class 9 Evie-Jean

Class 9 Brycen

Class 10 Izzy

Class 10 Rachael

Class 10 Callum

Class 11 Hamdullah

Class 11 Sebastian

Class 11 Michelle

Weekly Round Up

Nursery – In Nursery this week we continued to get to know each other and make new friends. We have shared some of our family photographs which children enjoyed doing. Thank you again to all the parents who sent in the photographs. We also looked at each other in the mirrors and learnt how to describe each other, who we are and what we look like. The children even had a go at drawing their self-portraits. We learnt few songs: 'Head Shoulders Knees and Toes' and 'If You're happy and You Know It' and we are sure children will be very happy to sing them with you at home.

Reception – This week in Reception we have been talking all about family. We have really enjoyed looking at family photos shared on Learning journals and have worked hard to draw and paint family pictures. We have been singing the finger family song using actions. We have continued to learn the story of Goldilocks using a story map and have now learnt the whole story! Ask us to retell it at home. In Maths we have been comparing and sorting. We have enjoyed matching socks and sorting buttons by shape colour and size .

Year 1 & 2- This week in Maths Year 1 have been working hard counting forwards and backwards. They have then thought about the words 'more' and 'fewer' to describe the relationship between different numbers. In Year 2 the children have been learning how to count in 2s,5s and 10s and have looked for patterns with these. They recognised that all numbers in the 10s end in a zero and that numbers in the 2s are all even. They have worked hard to write numbers up to 20 in words, especially the ones with tricky spellings such as one, two and eight.

Year 3 & 4 –Year 3, This week, we have continued reading Beowulf and have been writing an action seen between the hero and the monster. In Maths, we have continued to look at place value and have been looking at 1, 10 and 100 more than numbers, using charts and resources to help our understanding. In History, we have been investigating why Anglo-Saxons converted to Christianity and in RE, we have been looking at the Hindu celebration of Diwali and have been creating our own Rangoli patterns.

This week, Year 4 have continued to read Oliver Twist, and we have been using inverted commas to write speech between characters. In History, we have been comparing rich and poor Victorian houses, and continue to investigate what it was like to be a child at the time. In RE, we have been looking at a range of religions and which ones are prominent in our local area, including places of worship. In Science, we have been designing our own investigation to carry out next week, about how far sound can travel.

Year 5 & 6 – Lessons - In Art, children have started to look at stencils and thinking about their own ideas for creating their own stencils. In Music, children have enjoyed learning and performing the song, Livin' On A Prayer. In English, children have enjoyed writing as if they are on the Titanic.

Homework -Homework is given on **Mondays** and must be completed by the **following Monday**. Each week, children will be expected to complete homework on **Emile** (with tasks set in **Grammar, Punctuation and Maths**) and **Oxford Owl** (tasks set in **Spelling**). Spelling Homework will be set from Monday. Children will also be encouraged to use

Reading Plus at home to support their reading development. There will be a **Homework Club** every **Monday lunchtime** for children in **Years 5 and 6**, giving them the opportunity to complete homework during the school day. Children who complete all their homework will be rewarded with a **longer lunchtime on Friday**.

Thank-you to the children who have completed some of the Autumn Term homework tasks – their work is now on display in the Years 5/6 area.

Secondary School Applications

The deadline for applying for secondary school is 31st October. Please click on the following link for further guidance and links to applying for secondary schools.

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school>

Please contact school and speak to Mr Needham if you require any support in applying for secondary schools.

School Dates 2025 -2026:

Wednesday 24th September 2025

Thursday 25th September 2025

Friday 10th October 2025

Thursday 16th October 2025

Friday 17th October 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Wednesday 19th November 2025

Thursday 20th November 2025

Friday 21st November 2025

Friday 19th December 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Friday 13th February 2026

Monday 23rd February 2026

Friday 20th March 2026

Thursday 2nd April 2026

Monday 20th April 2026

Monday 4th May 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

Friday 12th June 2026

Friday 17th July 2026

Year 3 Anglo Saxon Workshops

Year 3 Seed Gathering Workshops

Class 10 Armley Mills

Class 11 Armley Mills

Class 9 Armley Mills

School Closes at 3.30pm

School opens at 8.30am

Class 7 Coal Mining Museum

Class 9 Coal Mining Museum

Training Day – No Children in School

School Closes at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

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Training Day – No Children in School

School Closes at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

School Closed May Bank Holiday

School Closes at 3.30pm

School Opens at 8.30am

Training Day – No Children in School

School Closes at 3.30pm